

BRIDGES ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RIVERS,
MO., ILL., AND KY.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 18), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

MR. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11668]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11668) granting the consent of Congress to the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges over the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communication.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 26, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11668, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting consent of Congress to the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges over the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., and for other purposes, if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 23, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11668 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the States of Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky to construct, maintain, and operate bridges and approaches thereto across the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers at or near Cairo, Ill., as a link in existing or projected interstate highways built as part of the Federal-aid highway systems approved for these States. The Federal-aid highway systems approved for the States of Missouri and Kentucky traverse the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, respectively, opposite Cairo, and the system approved for the State of Illinois extends to the city of Cairo as a terminal point thereon. A bridge or bridges at the point indicated, therefore, would serve to tie up the Federal-aid systems of these three States at this point and would undoubtedly facilitate in a great measure traffic in the immediate vicinity and beyond. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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